

Aboard the Pearl Harbor "Avenger"



Karen S. Spangler

Editor

The "Pearl Harbor experience" wouldn't be complete without stopping by the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park. The Bowfin museum complex is located adjacent to the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.

Touring the USS Bowfin (SS 287) gives visitors an opportunity to explore a historic World War II submarine and to imagine what life on board must have been like for her 80-man crew.

USS Bowfin, also called the "Pearl Harbor Avenger," takes her name from the hard fighting and aggressive fish found in fresh water from the Great Lakes on south. "Hardly a more appropriate name could have been found for an air-breathing diesel boat, this one soon to be legendary in the submarine force for her bold determination and insatiable appetite for enemy shipping," notes the USS Bowfin Museum Web site.

On Dec. 15, 1941, eight days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Portsmouth Navy Yard was given the order to start construction of the new Balao-class fleet submarines. The third boat of the class was USS Bowfin (SS 287). Her keel was laid on July 23, 1942.

Bowfin was launched on Dec. 7, 1942 and completed nine successful war patrols. For her wartime services, she earned both the Presidential Unit Citation and the Navy Unit Commendation. The submarine was acquired from the U.S. Navy in 1979 and opened to the public in 1981. In 1986, she was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Department of the Interior.

Visitors to the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park can learn many interesting facts about Navy submarine history. For example, America's original sub, The Turtle, was made during the American Revolutionary War period. It could only submerge for short periods of time and was used to attach mines to enemy ships.

A tour of the museum gives visitors a glimpse into the world of submarines, both past and present. Exhibits housed in the 10,000 square foot museum include such submarine artifacts as submarine weapons systems, photographs and detailed submarine models which depict the history of the U.S. Submarine Service.

A mini-theater, which seats about 40 people, offers a look at submarine-related videos and provides additional historical details.

A Poseidon C-3 missile at the museum complex is the only one of its kind which is on public display. The 12,000-pound missile offers visitors an up-close look, with all of its hydraulics, electronics and propulsion elements still intact.

The waterfront memorial at Bowfin Park honors the 52 submarines and more than 3,500 submariners who were lost at sea during World War II. Fifty-two monuments chronicle the wartime career of each of the lost submarines and list the names of the officers and enlisted men who are "on eternal patrol" with their vessels. An additional monument lists the names of submariners who were lost in the line of duty, although their vessels were not sunk.

Children under the age of four are not permitted on the submarine for safety reasons; however, they are allowed to visit the museum and mini-theater at no charge.

The cost to tour the submarine and museum is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children ages four to 12. A special \$6 rate is available for military, senior citizens and Hawaii residents (with proper identification).

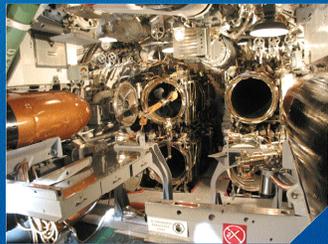
A tape recorded, head-set tour of the submarine is available for \$2.

For those who would like to visit the museum only, the admission fees are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children (ages four to 12).

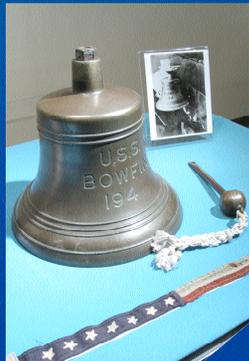
Read more about the history of the Navy's submarine service by visiting the museum Web site at www.bowfin.org.

The museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last tour of the submarine is at 4:30 p.m.

It is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, call 423-1341 or visit www.bowfin.org.



(Above) Visitors to the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park can learn many interesting facts about the Bowfin's history. Bowfin's second battle flag was stored in crew member Jack Updegraff's parents' attic and forgotten about for almost 50 years. It was rediscovered and donated to the museum collection just in time for the crew's reunion-on-the-boat.



(Left) Bowfin's bell, which had been missing for about 24 years was discovered at an estate sale. A California couple who collect antiques purchased the bell and contacted another WWII submarine museum in California to ask about the bell. US Pampantio wasn't interested in a bell that said "USS Bowfin," but they knew who would be. The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park purchased the bell and it arrived safe and sound thanks to Mario Hernandez, Fred Algar and Eric Webber, three Naval Reservists who toted this 77-pound brass bell back to Pearl Harbor on board an airplane.



Window on Pearl Harbor

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Texting while driving – those few little words may be your last

Is this the newest version of the “look ma, no hands?” Remember when we were kids and thought it was very clever to ride our bicycles down the street “no hands?” If we crashed – and often we did – the result was a few scratches and bumps (us) and a few more scratches and dents (the bike).

There’s a whole more at stake if you’re driving your car “no hands” or paying little attention to what you’re doing.

Case in point: Five teenage girls in New York – who had just graduated from high school – were killed when their sport utility vehicle collided head-on with a tractor-trailer and burst into flames. If you watched the reports on the news, the car was a barely recognizable mass of twisted metal.

Texting was believed to be a factor in the accident. Investigators determined that a text message was sent about 30 seconds before the fatal crash occurred and although they couldn’t say for sure that it was the driver who was doing the texting, the messages came from her phone.

That’s bad enough – but even scarier were the statistics that emerged after that story broke. According to an AAA/Seventeen magazine survey, 46 percent of teens admitted that they text on their cell phones while driving.

There have been numerous accidents across the nation that occurred while drivers were driving and texting at the same time – although fortunately not as deadly as the crash that killed the five young girls.

I was appalled to read some of the news reports and interviews with these young, and very inexperienced, drivers. An 18-year-old boy in Indiana, who drove into a tree while texting, admitted that now “he doesn’t text as much while driving.” (I’m thinking, “he doesn’t text as much?” What kind of wake-up call does this young man need?)

Another young male driver admitted that he texts every time he drives, some-

times steering with his knees to free up both hands in order to send text messages. (I’m aghast – this is insanity!)

A 16-year-old girl did wise up, saying that a friend’s accident was the shock she needed to stop the habit of texting behind the wheel – one of her friends was speeding while texting when he lost control around a curve and his car went off the road and flipped over.

Another 18-year-old driver confessed that she sometimes takes her eyes off the road and once rear-ended someone because of it. “I do it every time I’m in the car,” she said. “You get used to it. I’m good.” (I think she’s missing the point.)

Another young lady commented, “Some people can multi-task. I can still text-message and drive at the same time.” (Most people are able to multi-task, but there are certain times – duh, like when you’re driving a car – that you shouldn’t be multi-tasking.) So...when I hear comments like this, I am in a state of disbelief.

Hmm...let me see if I understand this. We have very young drivers – about 16 to 18 – with only limited driving experience, from a few months to a year or two. They are still learning about the rules of the road and the procedures inherent with driving – watching traffic lights and stop signs, the flow of traffic, pedestrians and animals who may enter the road in front of the car, and all of the other drivers on the road who are vastly unpredictable.

Given this unique and almost intimidating set of circumstances, some of these young drivers feel that they can easily handle the situation while paying little or no attention to what they are supposed to be doing – driving – and feel that their attention would be better spent text messaging on their cell phones. It’s an accident waiting to happen – pun intended.

In another non-scientific survey conducted by a news agency, 86 percent of teens who were questioned admitted reading text messages while driving

and an astonishing 75 percent said they sent messages while driving.

There’s even a term for it: driving while intoxicated. But no message is worth a life.

Text messaging while driving – even for an experienced driver who has been behind the wheel for years – is not smart. Driving is a full-time job and needs the driver’s full attention. Texting while driving – or applying makeup, or reading the newspaper or whatever other activity you have seen people do while driving – is downright stupid.

It’s especially crucial for young drivers – who lack the knowledge and experience of their older counterparts – to focus their full attention on driving. It’s horrifying that these youngsters think that they can get behind the wheel of approximately 2,000 pounds of steel, traveling down the road at speeds up to 55 or 60 mph (if they are adhering to the speed limit), and spend their driving time texting messages instead of paying attention to the road. Maybe they think they’re invincible, or can break all sorts of text messaging records and brag about their ability to “multi-task” but personally, I think that is a stupid and arrogant way of thinking.

I urge parents to talk to their young teenage drivers about the dangers of texting while driving. Make this as important an agenda as the discussion about staying away from drugs. Don’t be afraid to take away the car keys if they don’t get the message. They may be angry with you, but at least they’ll be alive.

Washington state has enacted a law banning text messaging while driving and a number of other states are considering such legislation.

But the sad truth is that there is no legislation for common sense – or a lack of it. If you’re texting on your cell phone while you’re driving, those few little words might be your last, or someone else’s.

Bowling with the best



U.S. Navy photo by William R. Goodwin

Join the action with Hawai‘i’s greatest bowlers or test your skills against the best bowlers on island Hawai‘i TV Bowling, aired from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturdays on KWHE-TV 14. You just might see yourself on TV. The Naval Station Pearl Harbor Bowling Center will host an open singles format tournament on Aug. 19. Check in is at 8 a.m. Practice starts at 8:30 a.m. The tournament starts at 9 a.m. The pre-paid entry fee is \$70. The entry fee for walk-ins is \$75. There is no charge for spectators. For more information, call 473-2574.

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Hawaii Navy News

Moanalua High School student earns \$5,000 A-OK Reward

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Patrick Gallagher's hard work has finally started to pay off. The sophomore at Moanalua High School was named the fourth quarter winner of the Navy Exchange (NEX) A-OK Student Reward Program and received a \$5,000 savings bond for his superior academic achievement.

While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, the active 15-year-old has proven successful in finding a balance between extra-curricular activities and school. He serves as a cadet staff sergeant in the Air Force Junior ROTC program and is a member of the armed drill team.

Patrick, who aspires to attend the Air Force

Academy to become a pilot, understands the importance of working diligently to achieve a goal - a principle that his proud parents, Ellen, and retired Air Force captain, Craig Gallagher, have instilled in him.

Patrick explained, "Grades are important because they help you reach your goals."

The A-OK Student Reward Program rewards hard-working students with a chance to win \$11,000 in savings bonds each quarter, drawing four winners: one savings bond each of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 (denominations at maturity). Students are also entitled to 19 student discount coupons redeemable for purchases at the Navy Exchange.

To qualify, students must be enrolled in school full-time from first

through 12th grade and must maintain a "B" grade point average or better. The drawing is open only to children of active duty members, reservists and military retirees, including family members of NEX associates whose spouses are active duty members, reservists or military retirees. The A-OK Program is a system-wide contest. An estimated 35-40 entries from Hawai'i make it to the headquarters each quarter.

To enter the A-OK Program, stop by Navy Exchange Pearl Harbor Aloha Center with a current report card and have an NEX associate verify the minimum grade point average. Then fill out the entry card and obtain an A-OK ID. Children without dependent ID cards must be accompanied by their sponsors to submit their entry.



Patrick Gallagher, Moanalua High School student, receives a \$5,000 savings bond from Capt. Taylor Skardon, Commanding Officer Naval Station Pearl Harbor, courtesy of the A-OK Student Reward Program.

Pearl Harbor Commissary replaces cash registers

Eyvinne I. Umemoto

Store Director, Pearl Harbor
Commissary

The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) is in the process of replacing all of its POS-TR system (cash registers), investing in new technology that meets DeCA's functional and technical requirements. The new IBM system is called "commissary advance resale transaction system." The new cash registers will include five self-checkout registers and 22 regular cash registers. There will be several price check stations throughout the commissary aisles on the sale floor.

Work has already begun to install new wiring above the old registers and into the computer room. The actual cash registers will be replaced on Aug. 26-28. This will cause some delays processing out customers. After the store closes on Aug. 26, one-third of the registers will be replaced. On Monday, the store will operate with two-thirds of the registers. After the store closes on Monday, another one-third of the registers will be replaced. On Tuesday the store will open with two-thirds of the new registers and the last one-third of the old registers will be replaced. On Aug. 29, the store will be back to fully operational with all of the new cash registers in operation.

Monday and Tuesday will be the only days that the commissary will be operating with two-thirds of the system operating. Every available register will be in operation to help to reduce the long lines.

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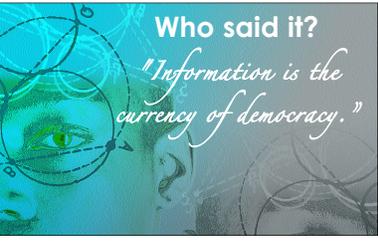
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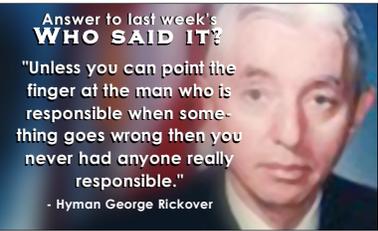
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Who said it?
"Information is the currency of democracy."



Answer to last week's WHO SAID IT?
"Unless you can point the finger at the man who is responsible when something goes wrong then you never had anyone really responsible."
- Hyman George Rickover



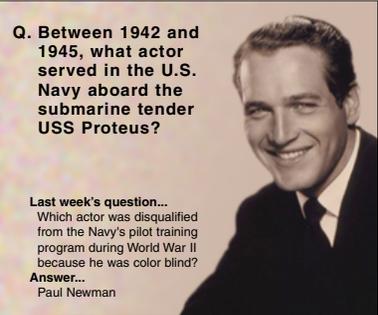
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Q. Between 1942 and 1945, what actor served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine tender USS Proteus?

Last week's question...
Which actor was disqualified from the Navy's pilot training program during World War II because he was color blind?
Answer...
Paul Newman



Navy Region Hawai'i Manawa Nanea

Morale Welfare & Recreation

FAMILY FUN AND MOVIE NIGHT
 Navy Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a free Family Fun and Movie Night on Saturday at the field next to the Navy Lodge on Ford Island. The family fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. with games, bounce houses and free cotton candy until the movie begins. Free popcorn will be available 15 minutes prior to the movie. "Firehouse Dog" (rated PG) will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older. FMI: 471-8658.



NAVY NUTRITION NOW
 Navy Nutrition Now, a free two-day seminar, will be presented by Navy Fitness from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Aug. 27-28 at Bloch Arena. Registration is ongoing. Created by the Cooper Institute, this comprehensive seminar is open to all command fitness leaders and assistant command fitness leaders. Participants will learn why nutrition is important and how to implement personalized dietary strategies that will enhance their health and well-being. FMI: 473-0793.

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Community Calendar

August

Today - Today is the last day for military and civilian personnel assigned to Navy commands in Hawai'i and spouses of active duty personnel to participate in Naval Inspector General (NAVINGEN) surveys. Information gathered from the surveys is critical in order to accurately capture the concerns of Department of the Navy (DoN) personnel and to facilitate the successful completion of the team's visit to Hawai'i. The NAVINGEN will visit Hawai'i from Sept. 12-26. Active duty Navy personnel and DoN civilians can access the survey at www.ig.navy.mil/nrh.htm. The spouses' survey is at www.ig.navy.mil/nrhspouse.htm.



Photo Illustration

At a glance - The Navy Exchange Autoport provides a free safety inspection to families of deployed Sailors. This service is available one week prior, after and during deployment periods. NEX Autoport is located on base, sub side. FMI: 423-3226.

Sharkey Showtimes



Transformers (PG 13)

The earth is caught in the middle of an intergalactic war between two races of robots, the heroic Autobots and the evil Deceptions, which are able to change into a variety of objects, including cars, planes and other technological creations. The interstellar battle between the Autobots and Deceptions rains destruction down on planet earth - enormous aliens have chosen the third rock from the sun as their ultimate battleground, and as the villainous Deceptions struggle to obtain the key to unlimited power, a young earthling named Sam Witwicky

TODAY

7:00 PM Transformers (PG 13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Surf's Up (PG)

4:45 PM Ratatouille (G)

7:15 PM Transformers (PG 13)

SUNDAY

2:45 Fantastic Four:
Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)

4:45 PM Nancy Drew (PG 13)

7:15 PM Nancy Drew (PG)

THURSDAY

7:00 PM Transformers (PG 13)



Seabees replace damaged church steeple at Kalaeloa

Story and photo by
Denise Emsley

Naval Facilities Engineering
Command Hawai'i

Seabees "can do" is a well known motto that recently was put to the test on a small old chapel located at Kalaeloa (previously known as Barbers Point). In November 2006, the Kalaeloa area coordinator at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i received a call.

The coordinator learned that the wooden steeple atop the Barbers Point Chapel, constructed in 1942, was leaning and likely to fall off the building. With safety as a primary concern, NAVFAC Hawai'i decided to remove it. They did so with the use of a manlift and an extension fork lift, placing the deteriorated steeple onto a truck for transport.

"The wooden steeple was so rotten that we couldn't easily rig it for removal," said Anthony Saffery, rigger for NAVFAC Hawai'i. "Instead, we had to put a strap around the body so it wouldn't collapse when we lifted it off the church."

The steeple was trucked to the NAVFAC Hawai'i self help compound at Pearl Harbor. Once there, it became apparent it could not be saved. So the Seabees did what they do best, they



Navy Seabees and Naval Facilities Engineering Command rebuilt the historic steeple for the Barbers Point Chapel which was constructed in 1942. The old wooden steeple had deteriorated and needed to be replaced.

rebuilt an entirely new steeple. After careful study of the various wooden pieces, Chief Builder (BUC) (SCW) Stew Selden, BU2 (SCW) Timothy Hutter and BU2 (SCW) Mark Pacheco created a replica.

"It was a good learning experience because of the process we used to build the new steeple," said Pacheco. "We cut the old dilapidated one in half and used it as a model, making sure each length and angle of the new steeple's pieces were perfectly matched to the old one."

The builders recreated the steeple piece by piece and assembled them into prefabricated sections. Since the original type of wood, Shiplap, could not be

acquired, the Seabees used a new and improved pressure-treated wood. This material will prevent the steeple from future rot and termite damage. Finally, the steeple pieces were painted to match the original color, white, of the current chapel.

For installation, the prefabricated sections were transported to Kalaeloa on June 25. Originally, the Seabees planned to install the prefabricated sections with the use of scaffolding. However, with safety an important part of planning this job, it was determined that employing a manlift and crane was a better option.

Upon arrival, the steeple's sections received another coat of white paint prior to

installation. The manlift moved Seabees onto the chapel's roof where they anchored themselves using harnesses. Next the crane lifted the platform, which levels the steeple to the roof, then the steeple's base, and finally, its uppermost section with aluminum cross. Once in place, the Seabees touched up the steeple with a little more paint. "The steeple replacement was a work in progress using old and new techniques," said BU1 (SCW) William Reider, project supervisor. "It created a challenge for us, especially since we wanted to maintain the original appearance of the church."

The new steeple was built with such detail and precision that it looks identical to the old one that was first put into place more than a half century ago. Although the Barbers Point Chapel is not currently in use, it now safely stands ready for future occupancy.



Scheduled road closures and power outages around Pearl Harbor

Naval Facilities
Engineering Command
Hawai'i

A scheduled power outage will occur at the submarine base area of Naval Station Pearl Harbor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 17. There will be outages while a contractor installs an interlock for submarine shore power circuit breakers at Sierra Piers S8, S9; dock outlets S8A-1 through S8A-4, S8B-1 through S8B-4, S9A-1 through S9A-4, S9B-1 through S9B-4; and general building security lights-ATS and Sierra 8 and 9 Piers security lights.

Road closures will include

the following areas:

- Submarine base area of Naval Station Pearl Harbor: Four parking stalls in the parking lot at the corner of Nimitz and Pierce Street will remain closed for repairs to the USS Parche Memorial through Sept. 28.

- Naval Station Pearl Harbor: Parking stalls on Long Way between buildings 287 and 206 will be closed for paving through Aug. 27.

- Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor: The parking lot off Kuahua Avenue, adjacent to buildings 418 and 823 (dog kennel), will be closed for lighting repairs from today through Sept. 14.



After Dark Grand opening at Beeman Center

"Lovechile" will rock the house on Saturday when nightlife returns to Beeman Center at Pearl Harbor from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. "Grand Theft Audio" (GTA) will perform tonight when the newest all-hands dance club, After Dark at Beemans, opens its doors. The grand opening will feature Hawaii's female house DJ, Miki Mixtup. Admission is free and open to all active duty military and family members. Active duty can sponsor up to three guests, ages 18 and older. Free non-alcoholic drinks and pupus will be served. The club will be open from 8 p.m. -2 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night. FMI: 473-4279.

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